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Applicants respectfully submit that this Response is being timely filed, as December 16, 2001 was a Sunday. Accordingly, no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if it is determined otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby

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authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0311 for any extensions believed necessary to maintain the pendency of this application.

A check in the amount of \$580.00 is enclosed for the Late Declaration and statutory basic filing fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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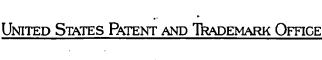
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$160.
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- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 580.

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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